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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REOPENING OF DAVIES CASE

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1. WE DOUBT THAT GOC WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO REOPEN THE DAVIES CASE IN AN ACTIVE WAY EVEN IF TELEVISION FILM WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN COURT. GOC HAS MANY OTHER PRESSING DOMESTIC CONCERNS INCLUDING A NUMBER OF COURT CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AGAINST PERSONS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN OR SUPPORT FOR 1974 COUP. REACTIVATION OF DAVIES CASE WOULD ONLY FURTHER ANTAGONIZE EXTREME RIGHT SINCE CASE IS CONSIDERED CLOSED HERE.

2. IF USG PRESSES, BEST WE COULD HOPE FOR WOULD BE A NEW INVESTIGATION WHICH MOST LIKELY WOULD NOT DEVELOP SIGNIFICANT NEW EVIDENCE. USE OF ABC FILM WOULD, OF COURSE, HELP AND MIGHT BE PERSUASIVE IN A NEW LEGAL ACTION BUT EVEN WITH USE OF FILM BY POLICE, LAST INVESTIGATION TURNED UP VERY LITTLE HARD NEW EVIDENCE. JACK PHERSON, WHO ASSISTED IN INVESTIGATION AND IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED WASHINGTON, WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO COMMENT ON THIS ASPECT OF CASE.

3. WE ARE NOT SURE OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES, I.E. IS
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THERE PROSCRIPTION OF DOUBLE JEOPARDY, BUT WE ARE CHECKING THIS OUT ON A LOW-KEY BASIS. WE GUESS THAT GOC COULD FIND SOME WAY TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION IF POLITICAL WILL WA THERE EVEN THOUGH THE TWO MAIN ACCUSED HAVE ALMOST SERVED THEIR SENTENCES AND CASES AGAINST OTHER DEFENDANTS WERE DROPPED. WE HOPE TO HAVE A BETTER FIX ON THIS BY JULY 10.

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